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SUBJECT: THAI-LAO MEKONG RIVER CONFRONTATION

REF: A. BANGKOK 24531; B. FBIS BK 210907Y NOV 75

SUMMARY: THE RTG PRESENTS ANOTHER AIDE-MEMOIRE, AND STUDENTS AND OTHERS DEMONSTRATE IN FRONT OF THE LAO EMBASSY. END SUMMARY.

1. ALTHOUGH ALL IS QUIET ON THE MEKONG, THE RELATIVELY MINOR NOVEMBER 17 INCIDENT, IN WHICH A THAI WARRANT OFFICER DIED, CONTINUES TO PROMPT BOTH DIPLOMATIC ACTIONS AND MANY WORDS. BANGKOK PRESS NOVEMBER 21 GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE CAPTURE OF TWO ALLEGED VIETNAMESE SPIES NEAR NONG KHAI (CLOSE TO THE SITE OF THE INCIDENT), SUPPOSEDLY WITH A MAP OF THAI TROOP DISPOSITIONS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT EMPLACEMENTS IN HA D.

2. THAI AMBASSADOR TO LAOS SAWET KOMANLAPHUTI ANNOUNCED
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TO THE PRESS NOVEMBER 21 THAT MFA UNDER SECRETARY PHAEN

WANNAMETHI HAD SUMMONED LAO AMBASSADOR PHAGNA ANURACK RAJA SENA TO MEET HIM AT NOON AND RECEIVE A SEONCD THAI AIDE-MEMOIRE AND A MAP SHOWING THAT THE THAI VESSEL IS LOCATED IN THAI TERRITORY, AFTER WHICH SAWET WOULD RETURN TO VIENTIANE AND PRESENT THE SAME MATERIALS TO THE PGNU. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INFORMATION NITSAI WETCHACHIWA LATER MET THE PRESS, SAID THE LAO MISUNDERSTOOD THAT THE ISLAND IS ACTUALLY THAI, AND READ THE AIDE-MEMOIRE, WHICH IS BASICALLY A HISTORY OF TREATIES DEMARCATING THE THAI-LAO BORDER (REF B).

3. AN ESTIMATED 2,000 PERSONS DEMONSTRATED THIS AFTERNOON IN FRONT OF THE LAO EMBASSY, ACCORDING TO POLICE REPORTS. COMPOSED OF VOCATIONAL STUDENTS AND RIGHT-WING ELEMENTS, THE GROUP HANDED A PETITION TO AN OFFICER OF THAT EMBASSY, CALLING ATTENTION TO THE BROKEN RELATIONSHIP NOW EXISTING BETWEEN LAOS AND THAILAND AND WARNING "THE COUNTRY BACKING LAOS" THAT IF IT DOES NOT BRING THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL, THERE WILL BE FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS.
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